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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, KS, CH

SUBJECT: PRC RELEASES ROK FISHERMEN

REF: SEOUL 6360

1. ACCORDING TO MOFA, PRC ON OCT 31 RELEASED 24 ROK  
FISHERMEN WHO HAD BEEN DETAINED IN CHINA SINCE THEIR  
BOAT WAS WASHED ASHORE ON SOUTH CHINA SEACOAST OCT 13.  
FISHERMEN WERE RELEASED AT HONG KONG BORDER AND ARE DUE  
TO ARRIVE BACK IN ROK EVENING OF NOV 1.

2. MOFA OBSERVES THAT DETENTION OF FISHERMEN WAS FOR  
MUCH SHORTER PERIOD THAN FOR CREW RELEASED IN SEPT  
(REFTEL), FOR WHICH ROK IS APPRECIATIVE. HOWEVER,  
UNLIKE PREVIOUS CASE, THE 305 TON ROK FISHING  
VESSEL IS INTACT IN PRC HANDS. ALTHOUGH TWO OTHER  
MEMBERS OF CREW APPARENTLY DIED IN STORM WHICH  
WASHED BOAT ASHORE, BOAT IS BELIEVED TO BE IN GOOD  
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CONDITION. MOFA WILL INTERVIEW CREW WHEN IT RETURNS

TO SEOUL AND THEN DECIDE WHAT TO DO ABOUT VESSEL.

3. ROK PRESS HAS GIVEN PROMINENT COVERAGE TO  
RETURN OF FISHERMEN, BASING STORIES ON MOFA  
INFORMATION AND TELEPHONE INTERVIEWS WITH CREW  
MEMBERS IN HONG KONG.  
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